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<i>In the matter of:</i>)	Docket No. 06-NSHP-1
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<i>The design of the New Solar Homes</i>)	NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
<i>Partnership</i>)	RE: Revisions to the New Solar
)	Homes Partnership Guidebook

Notice to Consider Adoption of Revisions to the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook

As part of the August 27, 2014 Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook (NSHP Guidebook)* as proposed in the *NSHP Lead Commissioner Draft Guidebook*.

The Energy Commission will conduct a Business meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014
10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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The *NSHP Guidebook* describes the requirements for participating in the NSHP and receiving incentives for installing eligible solar energy systems on new residential construction located in specified investor-owned utility territories.

Staff, with input and guidance from NSHP Lead Commissioner David Hochschild, is recommending the following proposed revisions to the *NSHP Guidebook*:

- Projects using a PERF-1 to show compliance with the NSHP energy efficiency requirements now submit the final building permit signoff or occupancy permit for payment claim documentation.

- Changes all references to “program administrator” to “Energy Commission.”
- All approved projects that have not yet received an approved payment claim may use the provision first introduced in the *NSHP Guidebook, Seventh Edition*, and included in this *NSHP Guidebook, Eighth Edition*, allowing the requested NSHP incentive amount to exceed the NSHP funding amount initially identified in the lease agreement or power purchase agreement (PPA) by up to 10 percent of the amount listed in the lease agreement or PPA.
- To show that the solar energy system was installed in conjunction with the construction of a new residential building, this *NSHP Guidebook* changes the basis for comparing the issue date of a certificate of occupancy and the solar energy system permit from the issuance date of the solar energy system permit to the application date of the building permit for the solar energy system.
- NSHP projects that have not received a utility new construction energy efficiency program approval letter or cannot provide documentation confirming the NSHP project meets the requirements of the utility new construction energy efficiency program now have up to 60 calendar days after Energy Commission review to provide the utility new construction energy efficiency program approval letter or documentation confirming the NSHP project meets the requirements of the utility new construction energy efficiency program.
- Provides an additional incentive for solar energy systems with a west-facing azimuth.
- Requires proof of utility approval of interconnection to be submitted to the Energy Commission as part of the payment claim package.
- Eliminates the requirement for applicants in the San Diego Gas & Electric service territory to submit an IRS W-9 Form, Form 590, or Form 587.
- Changes the calculation of a partial incentive payment to a percentage of the final NSHP incentive.
- Allows the Executive Director to approve time extensions for projects under specified circumstances.
- Extends the time for when the Executive Director must issue a decision on the appeal from 30 days to 60 days.
- Revises the NSHP-1 Reservation Application Form and the NSHP-2 Payment Claim Form.
- Revises the NSHP-3 Warranty Form.

The proposed changes are shown in underline/strikeout. Minor formatting changes were also made in the *NSHP Guidebook* but are not shown in underline/strikeout.

A draft of the *NSHP Guidebook* that includes the proposed revisions will be available on the Energy Commission’s website at:

www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/documents/index.html

Background

The NSHP is part of a comprehensive statewide solar program known as the California Solar Initiative. The NSHP provides financial incentives to encourage the installation of

eligible solar energy systems on new residential construction located in specified investor-owned utility territories. The NSHP seeks to achieve 360 megawatts of distributed solar photovoltaic electric capacity by the end of 2016.

Since the program began in 2007, Energy Commission staff has received many comments from stakeholders to streamline the program. Staff has considered, and as appropriate, incorporated the stakeholder comments. These changes are reflected in the *NSHP Lead Commissioner Draft Guidebook*.

Public Comment

The Energy Commission will accept oral comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2014. Written comments will be also accepted at the Business Meeting on August 27, 2014; however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting. For additional information, see Standing Order re: Proceedings and Confidentiality Procedural Requirements for Filing, Service, and Docketing Documents with the Energy Commission, available at: www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief_counsel/docket.html.

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The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 06-NSHP-1 and indicate "*New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*" in the subject line. Please submit comments to docket@energy.ca.gov and Le-Quyen.Nguyen@energy.ca.gov to ensure that staff receives a copy.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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